

Rules

Rules are created to keep the playing field level for all participants. Violation of any rule may result in disqualification or time penalties

El Tour de Tucson will not be cancelled or postponed. It will go on through rain, sleet, snow, or heat wave – Be Prepared!

Arizona Bicycle laws will be enforced by local law enforcement for the safety of bicyclist and motorists. Please review the laws at <http://www.pagregion.com>

If there is any chance you will be bicycling in Tucson after 17:00 (4:00 pm) on El Tour day, you must have legally required lighting on your bike or law enforcement will very likely pull you from the route. Please be prepared.

HOW OUR EVENTS ARE TIMED

At ALL Perimeter Bicycling events we use **GUN TIME**, that is, the clock for everyone starts when the “gun goes off.” Your time is recorded from the moment the gun goes off to the moment your timing chip crosses the finish line.

SAFETY FIRST

Headsets covering or blocking both ears are prohibited (#14)

Always wear a CPSC-approved helmet (#3)

NO Aerobars (#15)

All of Perimeter Bicycling’s event rules will be enforced:

1. All Entrants must line up in the “official” start line area – Entrants may not start in front of this area;
2. All Entrants must **properly enter the Start lineup, and may not cut in line, climb over barricades**, or in any other way improperly enter the Start area;
3. All Entrants must properly wear a CPSC-approved helmet;
4. All Entrants must not cross a solid yellow line, whether double, or single on their side of the road (a no-passing zone);
5. All Entrants must show and practice good sportsmanship – un-sportsmanlike conduct of any kind is prohibited;
6. All Entrants must obey Police, Bike Patrol or other Event Officials;
7. No Entrant may urinate in public (this is a criminal offense);
8. No Entrant may ride with, or receive support from, unregistered cyclists (bandits);
9. No Entrant may draft, hold onto, or catch a ride in any motorized vehicle;
10. All Entrants must cycle the full official route, as described on the official route map. Entrants may not short cut the official route, and are responsible for knowing and following the official route;
11. All Entrants must stay behind, and not pass, the lead vehicle;
12. All Entrants must wear their rider numbers, which must be easily visible;
13. **Headsets covering or blocking both ears are prohibited**, i.e., I-pod-type stereos or other devices;
14. Aero-type and other similar auxiliary handlebars are prohibited this includes “tri-bikes” with otherwise unremovable aerobars.
15. All Entrants must depart the start line of the Event before the last official vehicle (trail vehicle) has left the start line;

16. Team tactics that endanger, or impede the progress of, any other cyclists, such as blocking, are prohibited;
17. All Entrants must show courteous behavior to Volunteers, Event Officials, and Police, and obey their instructions;
18. All Entrants must obey traffic control officers & personnel, and traffic control devices & signs, unless otherwise directed by an Official;
19. All Entrants must read and know Arizona State bicycle laws, and must yield to emergency vehicles at all times, even if the road is closed;
20. All Entrants must give the right of way to other road users, including bicycles and motor vehicles, when legally required to;
21. All Entrants must stay to the right of cones set up at intersections, unless directed otherwise by Police or Event Official(s);
22. All Entrants must ride the entire event on the bicycle they start on – changing bicycles is prohibited;
23. All Entrants must bicycle single file, when possible, unless the road is closed to motor vehicle traffic (any road closures will be announced on Event day), or a police escort is provided;
24. Support crews/non-Official vehicles may meet and provide support to their Entrant(s) only at an official Aid Stations, and may not follow Entrants on the Route;
25. Hand-offs at Aid Stations, or anywhere on the route, are prohibited – All Entrants must stop to receive support, and must always pull completely off the pavement, staying out of the path of bicycle & motor vehicle traffic;
26. All Entrants must verbally warn others when they overtake them – call out “Passing”, or “on your Left” (the simpler, the better);
27. Any Entrant riding after sunset (4:00pm) must have legal lighting: a white headlight visible at least 500 feet ahead and a red rear reflector, preferably 2” or more in diameter;
28. All Entrants who drop out of the event must notify an Event Official, by informing an Aid Station Director, or calling the Event Hotline phone number. Be sure to give your rider number;
29. Entrants not finishing the course by 4:00pm will be stopped and transported to the Finish Line;
30. All Entrants must follow these steps at the Finish line: 1) Slow down after you pass the finish line under the banner, 2) Allow the finish chute crew to mark your official rider number, 3) exit the finish chute.
31. Rule Enforcement & Procedures: 1) Police, Event Officials, and Bike Patrol will identify any Entrant who violates traffic laws or Event rules for possible disqualification. 2) Those so identified will be reported to the Rules/Results Committee, who will investigate and deal with each violation on a case-by-case basis, imposing penalties, including disqualification, as indicated. 3) Any Entrant may report rules violations and present supporting evidence at the Bike Patrol booth/tent at the Finish Line. All such reports must be in writing, and must be turned in within 15 minutes of the posting of the event results, or by 5:00pm the day of the Event, whichever is later
32. El Tour de Tucson is finished at **4:00pm** local time and all course support will be closed. Any Entrants still on the Route will be required to stop and will be transported to the Finish line by Event Officials and/or event volunteers.
33. Entrants are solely responsible for all their items of personal belongings. The event is NOT for any items of personal belongings whatsoever, whether lost, stolen, placed at an aid station or information station, placed with an Official or volunteer, or misplaced. Do not leave your belongings with any volunteers, staff or officials. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BELONGINGS UNATTENDED.**